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[0012'] FIG. 8 illustrates a flowchart of a method for rendering text in an image forming device.

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[0029] The RIP 12 may be programmed with a default font-sharpening threshold. In the preferred embodiment of the invention as shown in Fig. 8, the user may override the default setting and set the font-sharpening threshold to a user-defined value through a suitable user interface, as shown at act S808 of Fig. 8. A variety of user interfaces may be used by a user to set the font-sharpening threshold. A menu item called "font sharpening" may be added to the menu system for the printer 10 that can be accessed by the user through the operator panel 40. In this case, user may set the font-sharpening threshold by navigating through the menus and menu items, selecting the font sharpening menu item, and entering a numerical value corresponding to the text size at which font sharpening is invoked. The numerical value entered by the user could also be a normalized value that does not directly correspond to a text value, but which the RIP 12 uses to determine the text size at which font sharpening is invoked, collectively seen in acts S810, S812 and S814 of Fig. 8. The font sharpening threshold could also be included in the PDL file sent to the printer 10. The user could select the font-sharpening threshold either through the application program used to create the page or through the printer driver 74. A user could also change or set printer settings by sending commands to the printer from a remote computer over a local area network to the printer 10. An application 72 running on a computer 70 may display a dialog box to get the font sharpening threshold from the user (act S802 in Fig. 8). The computer 70 may be connected directly to the printer via a local port, or may be connected via a local area or wide area network. An exemplary dialog box 76 is shown in FIG. 6. The printer driver 74 could also display a print dialog box to get the font sharpening threshold from the user. An exemplary print dialog box 78 is shown in FIG. 7.